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REMARKS

The Office Action of July 24, 2003 has been further reviewed and the Examiner's comments carefully considered. The present Supplemental Amendment adds new claims 32-51 in accordance with the originally-filed specification and cancels claims 12-17, 20, 21, 24, 25, 27-29 and 31. Claims 32-51 remain in this application.

On October 16, 2003, the undersigned conducted an interview with Mr. John Calvert, Supervisory Primary Examiner, regarding the above-referenced patent application. Mr. Calvert is again thanked for the courtesies extended in that interview. In that interview, Mr. Calvert and the undersigned discussed the various novel aspects of the present invention and the distinguishing features over the prior art cited in the Office Action. Specifically, it was recommended that the claim set should be modified to better define the present invention in view of the prior art. This has been accomplished through the foregoing amendment.

Examiner Calvert indicated that the divergently extending angles of the threads, as illustrated in the figures of the present application, should be explicitly set forth in the independent claims of the present application. In particular, the Examiner referenced the Lin patent in requiring such limitation. According to the Examiner's suggestions, a proposed claim set was transmitted, via facsimile, to Examiner Calvert on November 5, 2003. The proposed claim set included new claims 32-51, with claims 32-43 directed to a hook for a hanger and claims 44-51 directed to a clothes hanger. On November 6, 2003, Examiner Smith contacted William H. Logsdon, Esq. and indicated his approval of the proposed claims, and these

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claims would be allowable if submitted in a formal Amendment. The present Supplemental Amendment is being submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office per Examiner Smith's authorization.

Respectfully submitted,

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